

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
INTERIM CARROLL COUNTY
CLERK**

**For The Period
August 1, 2008 Through November 6, 2008**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE INTERIM CARROLL COUNTY CLERK

**For The Period
August 1, 2008 Through November 6, 2008**

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Interim Carroll County Clerk's audit for the period August 1, 2008 through November 6, 2008. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement presents fairly in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

Financial Condition:

The interim Sheriff had excess fees of \$129,533 for the period August 1, 2008 through November 6, 2008. This amount was transferred to the County Clerk on November 7, 2008.

Deposits:

The County Clerk's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities.

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The Honorable Harold Tomlinson, Carroll County Judge/Executive
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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the interim County Clerk of Carroll County, Kentucky, for the period August 1, 2008 through November 6, 2008. This financial statement is the responsibility of the interim County Clerk. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Clerk's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the interim County Clerk for the period August 1, 2008 through November 6, 2008, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 9, 2009 on our consideration of the interim Carroll County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



The Honorable Harold Tomlinson, Carroll County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Patti Mefford, Interim Carroll County Clerk
The Honorable Alice W. Marsh, County Clerk
Members of the Carroll County Fiscal Court

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County Clerk and Fiscal Court of Carroll County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Crit Luallen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Crit Luallen
Auditor of Public Accounts

July 9, 2009

CARROLL COUNTY
PATTI MEFFORD, INTERIM COUNTY CLERK
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Period August 1, 2008 Through November 6, 2008

Revenues

State Fees For Services	\$	3,227	
Fiscal Court (See Note 4)			150,991
Licenses and Taxes:			
Motor Vehicle-			
Licenses and Transfers	\$	76,575	
Usage Tax		306,561	
Tangible Personal Property Tax		160,391	
Other-			
Fish and Game Licenses		190	
Marriage Licenses		1,136	
Deed Transfer Tax		5,234	
Delinquent Tax		3,337	553,424
Fees Collected for Services:			
Recordings-			
Deeds, Easements, and Contracts		2,263	
Real Estate Mortgages		3,976	
Chattel Mortgages and Financing Statements		7,682	
Powers of Attorney		275	
Affordable Housing Trust		4,931	
Charges for Other Services-			
Candidate Filing Fees		730	
Copywork		363	20,220
Other:			
Phone and Fax		53	
Postage		67	
Miscellaneous		19	
Bad Checks		668	
Overage		746	1,553
Interest Earned			380
Total Revenues			729,795

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

CARROLL COUNTY
PATTI MEFFORD, INTERIM COUNTY CLERK
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS
For The Period August 1, 2008 Through November 6, 2008
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Expenditures

Payments to State:

Motor Vehicle-

Licenses and Transfers \$ 55,734

Usage Tax 295,007

Tangible Personal Property Tax 55,756

Licenses, Taxes, and Fees-

Fish and Game Licenses 137

Delinquent Tax 6,627

Legal Process Tax 2,761

Affordable Housing Trust 3,222 \$ 419,244

Payments to Fiscal Court:

Tangible Personal Property Tax 17,075

Delinquent Tax 34

Deed Transfer Tax 4,715 21,824

Payments to Other Districts:

Tangible Personal Property Tax 84,542

Delinquent Tax 212 84,754

Payments to Sheriff 5

Payments to County Attorney 1,380

Operating Expenditures and Capital Outlay:

Personnel Services-

Deputies' Salaries 24,991

Employee Benefits-

Employer's Paid Health Insurance 17,674

Contracted Services-

Advertising 10

Materials and Supplies-

Office Supplies 1,259

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CARROLL COUNTY
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS
For The Period August 1, 2008 Through November 6, 2008
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Expenditures (Continued)

Operating Expenditures and Capital Outlay: (Continued)

Other Charges-			
Dues	\$	1,385	
Postage		1,177	
Internet		105	
Election Supplies and Equipment		1,086	
Miscellaneous		2,212	
Computer Maintenance		1,351	
Capital Outlay-			
Office Equipment		2,215	\$ 53,465
Total Expenditures			\$ 580,672
Net Revenues			149,123
Less: Statutory Maximum			18,615
Excess Fees			130,508
Less: Expense Allowance			975
Excess Fees Due County for August 1, 2008			
Through November 6, 2008			129,533
Excess Fees Transferred To Incoming Clerk (See Note 4)			129,533
Balance Due Fiscal Court			\$ 0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

CARROLL COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

November 6, 2008

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of revenues over expenditures to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

KRS 64.820 directs the fiscal court to collect any amount, including excess fees, due from the interim County Clerk as determined by the audit. KRS 64.152 requires the interim County Clerk to settle excess fees with the fiscal court by March 15 each year.

The financial statement has been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this regulatory basis of accounting, revenues and expenditures are generally recognized when cash is received or disbursed with the exception of accrual of the following items (not all-inclusive), at November 6 that may be included in the excess fees calculation:

- Interest receivable
- Collection on accounts due from others for 2008 services for the period August 1, 2008 through November 6, 2008
- Reimbursements for activities for the period August 1, 2008 through November 6, 2008
- Payments due other governmental entities for November tax and fee collections and payroll
- Payments due vendors for goods or services provided for the period August 1, 2008 through November 6, 2008

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees. Remittance of excess fees is due to the County Treasurer in the subsequent year.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
November 6, 2008
(Continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the County Clerk's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan that covers all eligible full-time employees and provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members.

Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 13.50 percent for the period August 1, 2008 through November 6, 2008.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65.

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record. This report may be obtained by writing the Kentucky Retirement Systems, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6124, or by telephone at (502) 564-4646.

Note 3. Deposits

The interim Carroll County Clerk maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as required by KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the County Clerk and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
November 6, 2008
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Note 3. Deposits (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the County Clerk's deposits may not be returned. The interim Carroll County Clerk does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk but rather follows the requirements of KRS 41.240(4). As of November 06, 2008, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

Note 4. Rollover of Excess Fees

KRS 64.152 requires the County Clerk to settle excess fees with fiscal court in the subsequent year. On July 31, 2008, Marketta Brock the former County Clerk transferred excess fees of \$150,204 to Patti Mefford, the interim County Clerk. On November 6, 2008 Patti Mefford the interim County Clerk transferred excess fees of \$129,533 to the incoming County Clerk.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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**Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

We have audited the statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the interim Carroll County Clerk for the period August 1, 2008 through November 6, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated July 9, 2009. The interim County Clerk's financial statement is prepared in accordance with a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the interim Carroll County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the interim County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the interim County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statement that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statement will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.



Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards
(Continued)

Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the interim Carroll County Clerk's financial statement for the period August 1, 2008 through November 6, 2008, is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Carroll County Fiscal Court, and the Department for Local Government and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Crit Luallen
Auditor of Public Accounts

July 9, 2009

